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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5329

INFO AMEMBASSY MEXICO CITY

AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 07850

FOR US DEL LOS

PASS TO INGERSOLL AND MAW

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (AMEMB SANTO DOMINGO ADDED  
AS INFO ADDRESSEE)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJ: LOS: MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON CONTINENTAL SHELF

1. MEXICAN DELEGATION HAS OBTAINED 29 COSPONSORS FOR FOLLOWING  
TREATY TEXT QUOTE NO STATE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CONSTRUCT,  
MAINTAIN, DEPLOY OR OPERATE ON OR OVER THE CONTENTAL SHELF  
OF ANOTHER STATE ANY MILITARY INSTALLATIONS OR DEVICES OR ANY  
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OTHER INSTALLATIONS FOR WHATEVER PURPOSES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF

THE COASTAL STATE. END QUOTE.

2. AS RESULT AMBASSADOR STEVENSON'S PRIOR PUBLIC OPPOSITION IN COMMITTEE II TO TEXT ON GROUND DISARMANEMENT MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN OTHER FORUM AND WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE OF CONFERENCE FOLLOWED BY STRONG PRIVATE REPRESENTATIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AGUILAR BY STEVENSON AND OTHER DELEGATION HEADS, TEXT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN REVISED WORKING DOCUMENT ON CONTINENTAL SHELF SHOWING MAIN TRENDS ON THEORY COVERED BY BROADER LANGUAGE SUPPORTED BY OTHER DELEGATIONS AS FOLLOWS QUOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY OTHER TYPE OF INSTALLATION BY THIRD STATES OR THEIR NATIONALS IS SUBJECT TO THE PERMISSION OF THE COASTAL STATE. END QUOTE.

3. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR CASTANEDA ADVISED STEVENSON UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO PRESS INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE BARRING MILITARY USES AS MAIN TREND OF CONFERENCE EVEN THROUGH IT MAY NOT ULTIMATELY PREVAIL.

4. GRAVE DANGER OF PROPOSAL IN ADDITION TO SPECIFIC BAN ON MILITARY USES WHICH AT LEAST ARGUABLY NOT COVERED BY BROADER LANGUAGE IS IN INJECTION OF DISARMAMENT ISSUE-INTO CONFERENCE AND LIKELIHOOD OF PROLIFERATION OF SUCH TEXTS ESTABLISHING FOR EXAMPLE PEACE ZONES.

5. CASTANEDA INDICATED MIGHT BE WILLING TO APPROACH COSPONSORS TO NOT PRESS TEXT BUT INSTEAD INDICATE ORALLY COVERED BY BROADER LANGUAGE AND PROPOSE RESOLUTION REFERRING TO SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY UNDERTAKING TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING FURTHER MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION OF AN ARMS RACE ON THE SEABED (ART. V) AND URGING CONSIDERATION IN CCD AND OTHER DISARMAMENT FORUMS THIS ALTERNATIVE MUCH TO BE PREFERRED IN AVOIDING DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES IN LOS CONFERENCE.

6. DELEGATION RECOMMENDS U S AMBASSADOR MEXICO CITY BE INSTRUCTED APPROACH FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA REBASA IN NAME OF SECRETARY. APPROACH  
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AT LOWER LEVEL PROBABLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE IN VIEW GARCIA ROBLES PERSONAL HARDLINE POSITION ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES. AMBASSADOR CASTANEDA WILL BE URGING INCLUSION OF TREATY TEXT AS MAIN TREND  
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AT CLOSED SESSION OF COMMITTEE THIS AFTERNOON AND COMMITTEE BUREAU MUST DECIDE ON INCLUSION OF TEXT PROMPTLY THEREAFTER.  
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